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The Russian conceded that the land reform had shown no results and that agricultural production had sunk very greatly but stated that the creation of small farms was not the goal of the Russians. Rather, their aim was to institute a system of collective farming, which was expected to follow the breakdown of the small farms (an unavoidable consequence of the great shortage of agricultural implements). The plans for collective farming have already been made and are expected to be carried out after the end of the next harvest. Asked whether conversion to collective farming would not create a problem by freeing a large number of agricultural workers because of the greater use of machinery, the Russian answered that other possibilities would be found, since Russia is always in need of manpower.

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